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Federal Legislative Activities Week of September 16, 2013

Please find a listing of federal legislative activities the County and our federal advocates are monitoring during the week of September 16, 2013 below.

Continuing Resolution

This week, the House may consider legislation to provide stopgap funding for continued government operations after current spending authority expires on Sept. 30. Last week, the House introduced [H. J. Res 59](#) to continue funding at current, post-sequester FY 2013 levels until Dec. 15, along with a separate measure to defund the 2010 health care overhaul. That Continuing Resolution (CR) was not brought to the floor after conservative Republicans objected that, under the proposed process, the Senate would be able to discard the defunding provisions and send a "clean" CR to the president. House leaders are considering other options to pass a CR this week. If a CR is passed this week, Congress will break next week.

Tuesday, September 17th

Hearing: Making a Difference: Shattering Barriers to Effective Mental Health Care for Veterans | 10 AM | House Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health

[H.R. 3092](#) - E. Clay Shaw Missing Children's Assistance Reauthorization Act. This bill reauthorizes and makes a number of changes to the Missing Children's Assistance Act, including expanding grant activities to include providing technical assistance and training to state and local law enforcement agencies and statewide clearinghouses to coordinate in identifying and recovering missing children; assisting the efforts of law enforcement agencies in coordinating with child welfare agencies to respond to foster children missing from the state welfare system; and providing technical assistance to law enforcement agencies and first-responders in identifying, locating and recovering victims of, and individuals at risk for, child sex trafficking.

Wednesday, September 18th

Hearing: Federal Implementation of the Affordable Care Act: Concerns of State Governments | 10 AM | Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

Hearing: Implementation of MAP 21's Provisions to Accelerate Project Delivery 10 AM | Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

The Nutrition Reform and Work Opportunity Act - [H.R. 3102](#) | 3 PM | House Rules Committee. This bill includes \$40B in cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). This includes the \$20.5B cuts to SNAP included in the original bill (HR 1947), which was defeated on the House floor earlier this year. House Leadership has said a floor vote on the nutrition title of

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the farm bill must be completed, before conferees are named to a conference committee with the Senate passed farm bill ([S. 954](#)).

The following legislation is to be considered in the House:

[H.R. 1526](#) - National Forest Timber Production — Restoring Healthy Forests for Healthy Communities Act. The bill requires the U.S. Forest Service to increase timber production on National Forest lands by establishing at least one area in each National Forest where a specified level of timber harvesting must occur, in order to increase the flow of shared revenue to local counties. It also extends for one year timber payments under the 2000 Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act to ensure that those local counties receive adequate payments while the Forest Service implements its new timber program. Bill sponsors say it will boost economic growth and provide stable funding to local counties, while opponents say it undermines environmental protections and changes the Forest Service's multiple use mission.

[H.R. 761](#) - Domestic Minerals Production — National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act. The bill classifies domestic mining operations for strategic and critical minerals on federal lands as "infrastructure projects" in order to take advantage of a 2012 presidential order to federal agencies to streamline the permitting process for infrastructure projects. It also requires federal agencies to expedite the environmental review process for such mining operations and limits the judicial review process for mining permits. Bill sponsors say the measure will help reduce U.S. dependence on foreign imports of certain minerals and create jobs, while opponents argue that it amounts to a giveaway to the mining industry and will do little to speed up U.S. mineral production.

Thursday, September 19th

Markup: The Water Resources Reform and Development Act | 10 AM | House T&I Committee

Markup: Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2013 Markup – [H.R. 2542](#) | 1 PM | House Committee on Small Business. Watch the webcast live [here](#).

Hearing: Assessing the Nation's State of Preparedness: A Federal, State, and Local Perspective | 10 AM | House Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications. Watch the webcast live [here](#).

Hearing: Private Sector Initiatives to Educate Small Business Owners and Entrepreneurs | 10 AM | House Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access. Watch the webcast live [here](#).

Friday, September 20th

Hearing: Implications of Sequestration | 9 AM | House Armed Services Committee